

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are present in this application and were examined. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, 16, 17-21, 23, 26-28, 30 and 32 were rejected, while claims 6, 9, 13, 22, 25 and 29 were objected to as dependent on a rejected claim, but determined to contain allowable material. Claims 15 and 31 were both rejected and stated to be allowable. Claim 24 was not discussed.

I. Allowable Material

After consultation with the Examiner and her Supervisor, for which Applicants wish to express their sincere appreciation, it was determined that claims 15 and 31 were not, in fact, allowable, but the allowability of claims 6, 9, 13, 22, 25 and 29 was confirmed. In this response, Applicants amend the allowable claims to incorporate all the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims, and cancel all other claims. Consequently, all remaining claims (namely, claims 6, 9, 13, 22, 25 and 29) are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible time. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-8778.

Respectfully submitted,
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